

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	:
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For: VIRTUAL DATA STORE	:
CREATION AND USE	:

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.